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1. JAPAN

LAT'S JAMESON IN TOKYO (NOV. 2) SAYS FORD ITINERARY
ANNOUNCED FRIDAY DOES NOT GET OFF "BEATEN TRACK OF
JAPANESE ESTABLISHMENT." ONLY NON-ESTABLISHMENT MEETING
IS COURTESY CALL ON TOKYO'S SOCIALIST GOV. MINOBE, BUT
TANAKA TO APPEAR WITH FORD EIGHT TIMES. SINGLE OFFBEAT
EVENT IS SIGHTSEEING TRIP TO KYOTO. US EMBASSY OFFICIALS
SAY PRIVATELY THEY WANT VISIT TO GO BEYOND USUAL
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"SUMMITRY" TO INCREASE ITS POPULAR APPEAL. BLANK

SPACES IN SCHEDULE FOR THIRD DAY LEAVE OPEN POSSIBILITY
THAT OTHER EVENTS MAY BE ADDED TO BROADEN FORD'S
CONTACTS.

NOTES "GETTING A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT HAS BEEN MAJOR TASK";
NONE WAS INVITED AFTER CANCELLATION OF EISENHOWER VISIT
IN 1960, UNTIL TANAKA EXTENDED INVITATION TO PRES
LAST AUGUST.

EMBASSY OFFICIALS SAY JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS DRAFTED FROM
THE START AS "LOFTY STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES" RATHER THAN
AN ENUMERATION OF PROJECTS AND PROBLEMS BETWEEN US AND
JAPAN. JAMESON SAYS THE OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE THAT TANAKA'S

"WEAKENING GRASP" ON PARTY INHIBITS HIS ABILITY TO MAKE
COMMITMENTS ON OIL, CONSERVATION AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH ARABS, HOWEVER MUCH FORD MAY HAVE WISHED TO GET
THEM.

REUTER (TOKYO) REPORTS GOJ APPEAL TO OPPOSITION PARTIES
FOR COOPERATION -- NOT PROTEST -- TO WELCOME FORD, IN
RESPONSE TO THEIR VOW TO GREET HIM WITH PROTESTS, WHICH
ARE ALSO AIMED AGAINST TANAKA. JSP SPOKESMAN ASSERTS VISIT
IS AIMED TO STRENGTHEN JAPAN'S MILITARY ALLIANCE WITH US,
AND TO PROLONG LIFE OF TANAKA GOVT.

PHINQ NOTES RALLY IN TOKYO TUESDAY BY 300 KOREANS LIVING
IN JAPAN, WHO DEMAND CANCELLATION OF FORD'S ROK VISIT,
AND RESIGNATION OF PARK.

GOJ SUSPENDS COPPER EXPORTS INDEFINITELY FOLLOWING
CRITICISM BY CIPEC (INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL OF COPPER
EXPORTING COUNTRIES) THAT MASSIVE EXPORTS CAUSED RECENT
DROP IN WORLD PRICES (REUTER - TOKYO).

JAPANESE MEMBER SAYS INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE TO
INVESTIGATE US WAR-CRIMES IN INDOCHINA MAY MEET IN
STOCKHOLM IN JANUARY (REUTER - TOKYO). STATEMENT
FOLLOWS MEETING OF JAPANESE DELEGATION WITH PHAM VAN
DONG IN HANOI YESTERDAY.
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JOC (MOSCOW) REPORTS SIGNING OF 550 MILLION DOLLAR
AGREEMENT BY JAPAN TO FINANCE TIMBER DEVELOPMENT IN
SOVIET FAR EAST.

RAAF PILOT REFUSES TO FLY TANAKA FROM PERTH TO MT.
WHALEBACK IRON MINES UNTIL BROWN BOX PLACED ON PLANE
INVESTIGATED; IT CONTAINED MINING COMPANY MAGAZINES

(AP - WP).

INFORMED SOURCES IN TOKYO BELIEVE VISITING US OFFICIALS
ENDERS AND COOPER MAY ASK GOJ TO REDUCE OIL CONSUMPTION
BY ONE MILLION BARRELS PER DAY BY END OF NEXT YEAR.
GOJ WILL CONSIDER, BUT HAS NOT YET DECIDED ON OIL
POLICY (REUTER).

2. PHILIPPINES

NYT SPECIAL FROM ASINGAN, P.I., REPORTS SEVERE IMPACT
OF NINETEEN TYPHOONS SINCE JANUARY ON FARM TOWN OF 70,000.
WITH OLD LOG BRIDGE WASHED AWAY, FARMERS CAN NOT SEND
CROPS TO MARKET; THEIR PLIGHT REFLECTED IN MANY WAYS,

INCLUDING 40 PCT DROP IN FERTILIZER PURCHASES. AFTER
TOUR OF DEVASTED AREA, MARCOS RELEASED 1.6 MILLION DOLLAR
EMERGENCY FUND FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND HEALTH FACILITIES;
ALSO PLEDGED AGRARIAN REFORM AND NEW SOURCES OF FARM
CREDIT.

3. FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS

IN PAPE TE, FRENCH VADM JEAN TARDY ANNOUNCES PREPARATIONS
FOR FIRST UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS EARLY NEXT YEAR.
TESTS EXPECTED TO BE CONDUCTED AT FANGATAUFA ATOLL,
NEAR MURUROA WHERE FRANCE CONDUCTED ATMOSPHERIC TESTS
(CHITRIB).

4. KOREA

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD IN SEOUL REPORTS ROK ARMY ANNOUNCEMENT
OF ARREST OF 18 KOREANS ALLEGED TO BE MEMBERS OF
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TOKYO-BASED SPY RING ACTING TO PROVOKE COUP IN SOUTH
ON NORTH KOREAN ORDERS. SUSPECTS ARRESTED INCLUDE
FORMER NDP MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY LEE SE KYU, WHO IS
RETIRED ARMY BG AND CLOSE FRIEND AND ADVISOR TO KIM
TAE CHUNG. FOREIGN DIPLOMATS ARE CONFUSED WHETHER
LEE IS REALLY MEMBER OF ALLEGED SPY RING, OR HAS BEEN
SIMPLY THROWN IN AS WAY OF DISPOSING OF DIFFICULT
OPPONENT OF ROKG.

DAILY ANTI-PARK RALLIES CONTINUE; 1,500 HANGYANG U
STUDENTS DEMONSTRATED YESTERDAY FOR RELEASE OF JAILED
STUDENTS, AND REVISION OF REPRESSIVE CONSTITUTION.
ROCKS THROWN AT RIOT POLICE, BUT NO ONE INJURED, AND
NO ARRESTS. CLASSES SUSPENDED FOR WEEK (NYT, CSM,
CHITRIB, AP).

LAT'S JAMESON IN SEOUL REPORTS LENGTHY INTERVIEW WITH GOVT PROSECUTOR ("AFTER MONTH OF PRODDING") WHO EXPLAINS FOR FIRST TIME "MYSTERIOUS SHOT" FIRED DURING MELEE WHEN MRS. PARK KILLED AUG 15. IN ABSENCE OF EXPLANATION UP TO NOW ANTI-GOVT FORCES SPREAD RUMOR THAT MRS. PARK WAS KILLED BY SHOT FIRED BY PARK'S CHIEF BODYGUARD, BUT PROSECUTOR EXPLAINS THAT FRAME-BY-FRAME TIME-SEQUENCE ANALYSIS OF CBS AND OTHER FILMS SHOWS THAT HE RAN ON STAGE FROM WINGS AND FIRED TOWARD ASSASSIN BEING WRESTLED TO FLOOR. BULLET, NEVER FOUND, ASSUMED TO BE LODGED IN INACCESSIBLE PART OF REAR WALL OF HALL. JAMESON SPECULATES THAT KOREAN PROSECUTION REFRAINED FROM EXPLAINING "MYSTERIOUS SHOT" DURING TRIAL OF ASSASSIN

TO "SAVE FACE" OF BODYGUARD, WHO CLOSE FRIEND OF PRES PARK. SIMILAR FACE-SAVING SEEN IN CENSORED KOREAN TV COVERAGE WHEN PRES PARK BLACKED OUT IN TAPES SHOWN SEVERAL DAYS AFTER INCIDENT, TO AVOID SHOWING HIM DUCKING BEHIND ROSTRUM (NOV 3).

5. INDOCHINA

GVN REVERSES ITSELF, CONFIRMS THAT MAN WAS KILLED DURING ANTI-GOVT DEMONSTRATION SATURDAY AT CHINH TAM (NYT).
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REUTER (SAIGON) REPORTS PEOPLES' ANTI-CORRUPTION MOVEMENT IS TO APPEAL TO RELIGIOUS SECTS TO HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR SLAIN MAN, WHO NOW SEEMS LIKELY TO BE CONSIDERED FIRST MARTYR OF CURRENT ANTIGOVT CAMPAIGN. UPI (SAIGON) SAYS OPPOSITION LEGISLATORS ACCUSED GOVT TUESDAY OF TRYING TO STARVE OUT CHINH TAM AND THAT HUNDREDS OF POLICE STILL ARE SEALING IT OFF. WHILE MOST JOURNALISTS WHO TRIED GETTING THERE WERE TURNED BACK BY MP'S WHO SAID SEARCH FOR DESERTERS WAS GOING ON, ONE UPI CORRESPONDENT MANAGED TO GET INTO VILLAGE. HE SAW BODY OF SLAIN MAN BESIDE COLLECTION OF RIFLE SHELLS LINED UP BY VILLAGE PRIEST TO "PROVE IT WAS ALL POLICE FIRE. WE HAVE NO ARMS AT ALL," SAID PRIEST (PHINQ).

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND, IN SAIGON, DOES PROFILE ON REV. THANH -- RC WITH RECORD FOR ANTI-COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES THAT STRETCHES BACK TWO DECADES. QUOTES THANH THAT "WE MUST NEGOTIATE" WITH COMMUNISTS, BUT NOT UNTIL "WE HAVE A CLEANER GOVT." THANH SAID HE WANTS HIS MOVEMENT, IF SUCCESSFUL, TRANSFORMED INTO POLITICAL PARTY; HE WOULD LET COMMUNISTS ENGAGE OPENLY IN SVN POLITICS, BUT HOPES THEY WOULD REMAIN IN MINORITY.

REUTER'S TOYE, IN SAIGON, FINDS THAT DESPITE OFFICIAL FIGURES SHOWING 30 PER CENT INCREASE IN VISITORS OVER LAST YEAR, CAPITAL, LIKE REST OF SVN, IS STILL RELATIVELY FREE OF TOURIST CROWDS THAT FLOCK TO OTHER ASIAN CITIES. SITUATION DOES LITTLE TO ALLEVIATE ECONOMIC MORASS THAT RESULTED FROM US WITHDRAWAL AND CONTINUED FIGHTING; "NOR DOES IT DO JUSTICE TO THE BEAUTIES" OF VN. AIR VIETNAM STILL DEALS IN HUNDREDS RATHER THAN THOUSANDS OF TOURISTS, AND MANY EXPERTS AGREE THAT REALLY BIG INFLUX WILL ONLY COME WITH PEACE. YET, GOVT TOURIST COMMISSION NOW HOPES TO ENCOURAGE MORE VISITORS WITH PROGRAM CALLED "FOLLOW ME," WHICH OFFERS FOUR DAYS WITH HOTEL, ALL MEALS AND TWO TRIPS AROUND SAIGON FOR ABOUT 85 DOLS, TO BE LAUNCHED LATER THIS YEAR.

LE DUC THO FORFEITED HIS SHARE OF 1973 NOBEL PRIZE MONEY BY FAILING TO MEET DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING OR
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DECLINING PRIZE (REUTER, CHITRIB; NYT'S VAN GELDER).

6. CHINA

PRC AND SOVIET WERE AMONG MORE THAN 100 NATIONS REPRESENTED IN ROME WHEN HAK OUTLINED WORLD FOOD PLAN TUESDAY (WP'S MORGAN, IN PHINQ). MORGAN SAYS PEKING HAS TAKEN "SUDDEN INTEREST" IN US FOOD POLICY IN RECENT WEEKS (WP). FACT IS, SAYS CSM'S OKA, THAT IF ALL COUNTRIES WHICH CAN AFFORD TO PAY FOR FOOD IMPORTS -- SUCH AS PRC, JAPAN, SOVIET AND WEST EUROPE -- CONTINUE INCREASING FOOD IMPORTS, THERE WILL NOT BE ENOUGH LEFT OVER FOR POORER NATIONS, WHO ARE ALREADY IMPORTING AS MUCH GRAIN AS THEY CAN AFFORD AT PRESENT PRICES.

JOC'S STRAUSS, IN HK, SAYS PRC ACCOUNTS OF DECLINING ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN WEST ARE WRITTEN WITH SUCH ZESTFUL GLEE THAT ORDINARY BUSINESSMAN WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY IN RESTRAINING SMILE, RECALLING THAT COMMUNISTS HAVE FORECAST ULTIMATE FINANCIAL SMASH ON REPEATED OCCASIONS WITHOUT MUCH SUCCESS. CITES PEOPLE'S DAILY ACCOUNT OF LARGE NUMBERS OF WORKERS BEING LAID OFF BY USG, NOTES THAT REPORTS FROM PEKING SAY CONTRACTS FOR US GRAIN HAVE BEEN PUT OFF FOR YEAR, OBVIOUSLY BECAUSE CHINESE KNOW THAT US CROP WAS POOR AND THINK CONDITIONS LIKELY TO IMPROVE NEXT YEAR, THUS REDUCING PRICES.

REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS YU CHAN, WHO HEADS PRC SIDE OF

SINO-SOVIET BORDER TALKS, ATTENDED SOVIET EMBASSY
RECEPTION WEDNESDAY, MARKING 57TH ANNIVERSARY OF
OCTOBER REVOLUTION.

NYT'S HOFFMANN, AT UN, REPORTS MONGOLIA, IN MOVE BELIEVED
INSPIRED BY MOSCOW, CALLED ON PRC TUESDAY TO ACCEPT
SOVIET OFFER OF AGREEMENT RENOUNCING USE OF FORCE IN
SOVIET-CHINESE RELATIONS. MOVE BELIEVED REFLECTING
DEEPENING SOVIET WORRY ABOUT SPEEDY PROGRESS OF PEKING'S
NUCLEAR AND MISSILE PROGRAMS.

CHOU EN-LAI MET TUESDAY WITH TRINIDAD/TOBAGO PM
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WILLIAMS FOR WHAT NCNA CALLED "CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY"
CONVERSATION; CHOU'S FIRST MEETING WITH VISITOR SINCE
OCT. 27 (NYT'S VAN GELDER).

ACCORDING ROC INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS TUESDAY, MAO SPENT
LAST TWO MONTHS IN SECLUSION IN CENTRAL CHINA PLOTTING

TO INSTALL CHIANG CHING AS HIS SUCCESSOR.
INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS CLAIMED MAO PLANS TO PURGE GOVT
AND NUMBER OF KEY OFFICIALS AND HAS TRIED TO RALLY
SUPPORT OF CENTRAL CHINA ELEMENTS WHO OFTEN DEFIED
PEKING AUTHORITIES. INTELLIGENCE SOURCES SAID THEIR
REPORTS FAILED TO DISCLOSE WHEN OR IN WHAT FORM NEW
GOVT PURGE MIGHT TAKE, BUT THAT REPORTS INDICATED
FIRST MOVES WILL BE "SOON AND COMPARABLE" TO GPCR OR
RECENT ANTI-CONFUCIUS MOVEMENTS (UPI TAIPEI, NOV. 5).

CSM'S MORITZ, IN SAN FRANCISCO, NOTES THAT ROC STUDENT
YUAN BAO-SAN, MURDERED IN LOS ANGELES THIS MONTH, IS
BEING PORTRAYED AS ANTI-COMMUNIST MARTYR IN CAMPAIGN
BY ROC TO UNITE ITS YOUNG PEOPLE AGAINST PEKING; BUT
IN SAN FRANCISCO'S CHINATOWN, TAIPEI'S CLAIM THAT
COMMUNISTS KILLED YUAN HAS EMBARRASSED ROC SYMPATHIZERS,
IN WAKE OF LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPT CONCLUSION THAT
MURDER HAD "NO POLITICAL TIE-IN." QUOTES DOS OFFICIAL
IN WASHINGTON THAT ROC CHARGE "SHOWS THEIR TENDENCY TO
JUMP TO CONCLUSION. I AM SATISFIED THE LOS ANGELES
INVESTIGATION IS ADEQUATE." OFFICIAL ADDED THAT
TAIPEI IMPLICATION THAT US IS NOT PROTECTING CHINESE
STUDENTS FROM COMMUNISTS MAY REFLECT CONTINUING ROC
RESENTMENT AT US DEALINGS WITH PRC.

BUT NOW, WEEK AFTER DOS OFFICIALLY PASSED LOS ANGELES
POLICE CONCLUSION TO ROC EMBASSY, NATIONALIST PAPERS
IN SAN FRANCISCO NO LONGER MENTION ROC'S CHARGE AGAINST
PEKING. INVESTIGATION NOW FOCUSES ON CHINESE STREET

GANG MEMBERS, WHO ARE NONPOLITICAL, AS MOST PROBABLE SUSPECTS.

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7. CHINA

WILLIAM BUCKLEY (S-N NOV. 5) NOTES THAT JACK ANDERSON, "IN HIS POPULIST WAR AGAINST JUNKETS," RECENTLY TOOK ISSUE WITH CONGRESSMEN WHO TOOK INVITED TRIP TO VENEZUELA, ALL EXPENSES PAID, AND WITH NUMBER OF SENATORS FOR ACCEPTING PEKING'S HOSPITALITY WHILE FLYING ABOUT CHINA. BUCKLEY SHARES ANDERSON'S QUEASY FEELING ABOUT US LEGISLATORS JUNKETING AT EXPENSE OF HOST

GOVTS;HE INSISTS, HOWEVER, THAT "CHINA, OF COURSE, IS A SPECIAL CASE. FROM RECENT EXPERIENCE, I LEARNED THAT THE CUSTOM NOW IS FOR THE CHINESE TO INSIST ON TAKING OVER YOUR EXPENSES -- FROM THE MOMENT YOU PRESENT YOURSELF IN HK." ARGUES THAT IF LEGISLATOR HAS GENUINE INTEREST IN VENEZUELA OR CHINA AND CANNOT GET THERE FROM CONGRESSIONAL FUNDS OR PERSONALLY FINANCE TRIP, HE IS NECESSARILY DRIVEN EITHER TO ABANDONING HIS CURIOSITY OR TO MAKING AN ARRANGEMENT WITH FOREIGN GOVT -- AND EXCITING SUSPICIONS OF THE JACK ANDERSONS. COMPLAINS THAT IN ITS EFFORTS TO MAKE ITSELF PURER, CONGRESS IS MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR FIRST-CLASS MEN, UNLESS THEY'RE VERY WEALTHY, TO SEEK PUBLIC OFFICE.

LAT'S ELEGANT (NOV. 4), IN HK, SEES PRC LEADERS REVAMPING FOREIGN POLICY IN RESPONSE TO STERN REALITIES OF INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE, BEING FORCED TO SHELVE MARXIST THEORY IN FAVOR OF COMMERCIAL BENEFITS. CITES RECENT COMMERCE DEPT. STATISTICS THAT BY YEAR'S END, US-CHINA TRADE SHOULD EXCEED ONE BILLION DOLLAR MARK. PREVIOUSLY PEKING UNHESITATINGLY SUPPORTED REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS IN SEA, LA, ME AND AFRICA, BUT TODAY SHE CONSIDERS FIRST HOW THOSE LOCAL REBELLIONS AFFECT CHINA'S NATIONAL INTERESTS.

NOTES PRC IS NOW SEEKING DIPLOMATIC AND TRADE RELATIONS WITH SEA, HAS ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH MALAYSIA, AND DECLARED INTENTION OF EXCHANGING ENVOYS WITH PHILIPPINES. AS POLITICAL AND COMMERCIAL TIES EXPAND, PEKING BECOMES MORE PRAGMATIC; INSTEAD OF REVOLUTION, SHE WANTS TO SELL CHINESE PRODUCTS AND BUY RAW MATERIALS. SUCH

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"SETBACKS" AS DECREASED ATTENDANCE AT LATEST CANTON FAIR ARE CAUSING PEKING TO RETHINK ITS POLICIES AND REEXAMINE ITS POSITION ON MAJOR FOREIGN ISSUES IN LIGHT OF ITS OWN NEEDS. LONG-TERM LINES OF CREDIT WERE ONCE ANATHEMA TO PEKING, BUT TODAY SUCH CREDITS ARE NOT ONLY ACCEPTABLE, BUT SOUGHT -- ON FAIR TERMS. FOR SAME REASON, CHINA IS MUCH LESS CONCERNED WITH "LIBERATING" TAIWAN THAN IT WAS IN PAST; SHE STILL MAKES GREAT PLAY TO THIS CAUSE, BUT IT IS SUBORDINATED TO ECONOMIC NEEDS. PEKING RECENTLY HAS MADE CONCERTED EFFORT TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH US, AND BRIGHTEST ASPECT OF CANTON FAIR WAS ABOUT 300 AMERICAN VISITORS -- LARGEST NUMBER SINCE AMERICANS BEGAN ATTENDING FEW YEARS AGO. "CHINESE OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN WOOING AMERICAN VISITORS ASSIDUOUSLY".

IN ANOTHER NOV. 4 COLUMN, ELEGANT OBSERVES HOW PRC HAS BEEN USING THAT "HIGHLY VISIBLE MANIFESTATION OF CAPITALISM" -- ADVERTISING. PRC TRADING CORPORATIONS'

ADVERTISING BUDGETS FOR HK -- ABOUT THREE MILLION DOLS -- "ARE SMALL POTATOES"; BUT, INCREASE IN AGGRESSIVE CAMPAIGNS IN PRESS AND TV HAS BEEN STRIKING IN PAST TWO YEARS. CONTENT AND PRESENTATION IS "REMARKABLY TRADITIONAL, ALMOST PERIOD STUFF." ONE OF BIGGEST SINGLE ITEMS PUSHED IS VAST FAMILY OF HERBAL MEDICINES CHINESE BELIEVE WILL CONFER UPON THEM LONG LIFE, HEIGHTENED INTELLIGENCE AND SEXUAL VIGOR, AMONG OTHER BENEFITS; ANOTHER CATEGORY JUST AS BIG IS ADVERTISING OF FOODSTUFFS, INCLUDING FROZEN PEKING DUCK.

BY AND LARGE, ADVERTISING IS SOBER, SLOGANS MUTED, CLAIMS SUBDUED AND NO SCANTILY CLAD MODELS ARE USED. PRC FIRMS' MOST ADVENTUROUS ESSAY IN ADS WAS SPONSORING NIGHTLY TV REPORT ON TEHRAN ASIAN GAMES TWO MONTHS AGO. PEKING ALSO GOT MUCH POLITICAL MILEAGE FROM THOSE GAMES, SINCE ITS TEAMS DID VERY WELL. COMMUNISTS MANIFEST REMARKABLE POLITICAL EQUANIMITY WHEN IN TRADE AND ADVERTISING. ON TV, COMMUNIST AD IS OFTEN FOLLOWED BY SINGER IDENTIFIED AS HAILING FROM FORMOSA; BY SAME TOKEN, FORMOSA-MADE FEATURE FILM IS OFTEN PRECEDED BY PRC FIRM'S COMMERCIAL. HK TV EXECUTIVE SAYS NO PROTESTS HAVE EVER BEEN RECEIVED,

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AND NO PRESSURE FROM PRC ADVERTISERS; "COMMERCE SEEMS TO MAKE STRANGE -- AND QUITE HAPPY -- SCREEN PARTNERS".

IN NOV. 3 ARTICLE, LAT'S ELEGANT HOLDS THAT LARGE QUANTITIES OF OIL COULD BE AVAILABLE AT COMPETITIVE PRICES ON WORLD MARKETS IN NEXT FEW YEARS AS RESULT OF PRC'S DECISION TO GO AHEAD WITH DEVELOPMENT OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES IN COOPERATION WITH WESTERN COMPANIES. CHINESE HAVE ALREADY DEMONSTRATED EAGERNESS TO SELL FOR HARD CURRENCIES BY REDUCING THEIR PRICE \$2.40 PER BARREL AFTER JAPANESE CUSTOMERS COMPLAINED, AND WILL SELL BETWEEN THREE AND FOUR MILLION TONS TO JAPAN THIS YEAR. ELEGANT SAYS RESULTS OF CHINA'S ACCELERATED OIL PRODUCTION ON WORLD'S STRATEGIC ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL BALANCE ARE STILL INCALCULABLE, BUT CERTAIN TO BE GREAT. ME WILL, IN TIME, DECREASE IN IMPORTANCE AS MAJOR SOURCE OF OIL RESERVES; AND PRC OIL IS SUPERIOR IN CERTAIN ASPECTS TO ME PRODUCT -- HAVING GENERALLY LOWER SULPHUR CONTENT AND THUS MORE READILY UTILIZABLE AND LESS POLLUTING, LESS VISCOUS AND THUS MORE EASILY REFINED.

ELEGANT MAINTAINS THAT IN CONVERSATION WITH AMERICANS VISITING CANTON FAIR, PRC OFFICIALS STRESSED TWO THEMES. THEY MADE NO SECRET OF THEIR DESIRE TO BUY MORE US CAPITAL EQUIPMENT OR THEIR NEED TO FIND SOURCES OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE IN ORDER TO PAY FOR THOSE IMPORTS OVER AND ABOVE PRESENT LINES OF CREDIT THEY HAVE BEEN TAKING OUT. IN

ADDITION, THEY INQUIRED REGARDING OIL-DRILLING AND REFINING EQUIPMENT, BOTH AS TO POSSIBLE SOURCES AND MANNER OF PAYMENT.

CHIEF AMONG MANY FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO PRC DECISION TO GO FULL SPEED AHEAD IS APPARENTLY REALIZATION THAT IT CANNOT MAINTAIN AGGRESSIVE POLICY OF ECONOMIC EXPANSION UNLESS FRESH SOURCES OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE BECOME AVAILABLE. CHINESE CAN BE EXPECTED TO GET AS MUCH AS THEY CAN FOR THEIR OIL; BUT IF GLUT DEVELOPS OR OTHER ENERGY SOURCES BECOME TOO COMPETITIVE, THEY WILL ASSUREDLY DROP THEIR PRICES.

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8. KOREA

SUN THINKS ADMIN OFFICIALS WHO SCHEDULED FORD'S SK VISIT MUST BE TAKING NOTE OF LATEST STUDENT RIOTING AND CONTINUING INDICATIONS OF DICTATOR PARK'S "DIMINISHING POPULARITY" AMONG KOREANS. YET IF DOS CALCULATIONS ARE CORRECT, MANY OF PARK'S DEMOCRATIC OPPONENTS ARE NOT OPPOSED TO FORD VISIT, EVEN THOUGH IT WILL BE "PROPAGANDA PLUS" FOR ROKG. THEY ARE CONSCIOUS OF NK THREAT AND HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT NK REGIME. WITHOUT ABUSING PARK'S

HOSPITALITY, FORD WOULD BE WISE TO KEEP STRESS STRICTLY ON SECURITY, AS SYMBOLIZED BY PRESENCE OF US TROOPS. "SECURITY, AFTER ALL, WAS THE MOTIVATING FACTOR IN ARRANGING A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT AT THIS TIME" -- IT BEING FELT BY ADMIN THAT IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO AVOID LONG-PROMISED KOREA STOPOVER IF PRES WENT TO JAPAN AND TO VLADIVOSTOK AS WELL, SINCE NK MIGHT TAKE IT AS SIGNAL THAT THEY COULD PUT ALL KINDS OF PRESSURE ON SEOUL WITHOUT RISK OF US RESPONSE.

SUN CONCEDES THAT NK MISCHIEF IS SOMETHING NONE OF BIG POWERS WANTS IN WEST PACIFIC. THEREFORE, ADMIN'S RATIONALE FOR FORD VISIT MAY WELL PROVE JUSTIFIED -- PROVIDED PRES MAKES IT CLEAR US IS IN NO WAY FORSAKING ITS SYMPATHY FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTION AND PRACTICES.

9. UN WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

SUN ENDORSES HAK PROPOSAL IN ROME THAT WORLD'S NATIONS RESERVE 60 MILLION TONS OF GRAIN IN EFFORT TO HALT GLOBAL STARVATION. THIS CALLS FOR WHAT WILL SEEM SACRIFICES BY GOVTS AND PEOPLES OF THIS COUNTRY AND OTHERS; FOR INSTANCE, IT WOULD REQUIRE THAT PRC AND SOVIET PROVIDE ACCURATE INFO ON CROPS AND RESERVES. SIMILARLY, HARVARD'S ROBERT BOWIE SAYS AN AGREED PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPING AND MANAGING ADEQUATE FOOD RESERVES IS ESSENTIAL FOR

EFFECTIVE WORLD FOOD STRATEGY, AND BOTH PRC AND SOVIET SHOULD BE EXPECTED TO PLAY THEIR PART IN SUCH SYSTEM (CSM).

10. ROC
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CSM'S DRUMMOND CONTENDS THAT RECENT VETO OF EFFORT TO OUST S. AFRICA FROM UN SAVED THAT ORGANIZATION FROM "SLOW SUICIDE." RECALLING UN'S EXPULSION OF ROC, ARGUES THERE WAS NO BASIS IN CHARTER FOR SUCH ACTION, BUT THAT OVERWHELMING MAJORITY SO MUCH WANTED PRC IN THAT IT YIELDED TO PEKING'S PRESSURE TO EXPEL ROC AS CONDITION FOR JOINING. "IT CAN BE FAIRLY ARGUED" THAT ROC DID NOT REPRESENT TAIWANESE PEOPLE; BUT PRC "REPRESENTS THE TAIWANESE EVEN LESS"

11. INDOCHINA

WP LEAD EDIT OBSERVES THAT WHILE ANTI-THIEU PROTESTS HAVE NOT REACHED POINT OF "CRITICAL MASS," THEY GO ON AND WILL NOT END SOON. FOR ALL ITS HARSHNESS, GVN APPARENTLY DOES PERMIT SOME ROOM FOR POLITICAL PLAY, AND WHILE IT

HAS NOT DISINTEGRATED, IT IS WOBBLING. CITES "SAGGING US SUPPORT" FOR SVN, EVEN WHILE WAR AND INFLATION TAKE THEIR RESPECTIVE TOLLS; IT IS "NOT SURPRISING" THAT THIEU HAS TAKEN TO BLAMING NOT ONLY COMMUNISTS BUT "COLONIALISTS" -- THE SAIGON CODE WORD FOR AMERICANS -- FOR INSPIRING THE POLITICAL PROTESTS AGAINST HIM."

MANY AMERICANS HAVE ALREADY CONCLUDED THAT ENOUGH OF "DECENT INTERVAL" HAS ELAPSED SINCE DEPARTURE OF US FORCES SO THAT GVN'S FALL COULD NOT NOW BE REASONABLY SEEN AS DIRECT CONSEQUENCE OF US TROOP WITHDRAWAL; IT FOLLOWS THAT IF HE COLLAPSES NOW IT WILL BE AS RESULT OF HIS OWN FAILURES AND INHERENT INABILITY TO SHIFT FOR HIMSELF. NOTES THAT QUESTION PUT BY WASHINGTON RESEARCH GROUP TO NATIONAL SAMPLE -- "SHOULD AMERICANS TURN THEIR BACK" ON SVN? -- FOUND 40 PER CENT SAYING YES, 49 PER CENT SAYING NO, AND 11 PER CENT WITHOUT OPINION.

AT THE LEAST, THIEU IS BEING THROWN UPON "HIS OWN POLITICAL RESOURCES" TO UNPRECEDENTED DEGREE AND WE WILL SEE JUST WHAT ARE HIS REAL POLITICAL TALENTS, AS OPPOSED TO HIS CAPACITY FOR MANIPULATION AND INTRIGUE. IN THIS SENSE, IT PROMISES TO BE ABSORBING SPECTACLE, FOR WHAT IS LARGELY AT STAKE IN SAIGON POWER STRUGGLE
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IS SVN'S FATE -- "AND THAT IS NOT YET SOMETHING THAT MOST AMERICANS CAN BRING THEMSELVES TO BE ENTIRELY INDIFFERENT OR DISPASSIONATE ABOUT."

S-N NOTES THIEU HAS APPARENTLY DECIDED TO GET TOUGH, IN FACE OF NEW AND VIOLENT OPPOSITION, AND HAS LABELED OPPOSITION THE CREATION OF "COLONIALISTS IN COLLUSION WITH THE COMMUNISTS" -- SOMEWHAT MYSTERIOUS CHARGE, SINCE IN VN TERMS "COLONIALISTS" GENERALLY IS TAKEN TO MEAN AMERICANS, AND THIEU HAS AT LEAST SO FAR ENJOYED FIRM OFFICIAL BACKING FROM EMBASSY SAIGON. NOT UNUSUAL FOR A HARD-PRESSED PRESIDENT TO IDENTIFY OWN SURVIVAL WITH HIS NATION'S, AND IN CASE OF THIEU THE ARGUMENT MAY HAVE SOME VALIDITY. FOR WHETHER ANY NEW COMBINATION OF POLITICAL FORCES COULD SUCCEED IN NEGOTIATING SETTLEMENT WITH COMMUNISTS SHORT OF TOTAL SURRENDER "REMAINS EXTREMELY DOUBTFUL" (NOV. 5).

S-N'S NOYES (NOV. 5) SUGGESTS S. VIETNAMESE "MAY BE OVERDOING IT" AND THAT RECENT WAVE OF RIOTS THAT HAS SWEEPED COUNTRY IS BEGINNING TO TAKE ON OMINOUS OVERTONES -- FOR IT IS NOT ONLY THIEU'S REGIME THAT IS IN TROUBLE TODAY; WHOLE COUNTRY IS. AND IF THINGS FALL APART, "AS SEEMS INCREASINGLY LIKELY," IT IS NVN THAT WILL PICK UP PIECES.

MCARTHUR (LAT NOV. 3), IN SAIGON, REVIEWS LAST WEEKEND'S "TEST OF STRENGTH" BETWEEN THIEU FORCES AND REV. THANH'S. NOTES THAT OBSERVERS SAID MANY DEMONSTRATORS WERE YOUNG ROWDIES, BUT AT SAME TIME, PLAINCLOTHES POLICEMEN WERE CLEARLY OUT TO INCITE CROWD -- "A DISORDERLY AND HIGHLY UNPLEASANT SCENE." FEELS THANH AND OTHER OPPOSITION FIGURES WILL CERTAINLY TAKE TO STREETS AGAIN; HOWEVER, WEEKEND'S ACTIVITIES "CLEARLY SUGGESTED" THAT NO SINGLE MOVEMENT OR PERSON HAS YET FOUND FORMULA SERIOUSLY TO THREATEN THIEU.

12. JAPAN

LAT'S JAMESON IN TOKYO (NOV. 3) REVIEWS CONTROVERSIAL JAPANESE FTC PROPOSALS TO PREVENT COUNTRY'S GIANT TRADING FIRMS AND BANKS FROM GAINING EXCESSIVE DOMINATION OVER
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ECONOMY. FTC CHAIRMAN TAKAHASHI ADMITS HE HAS STIRRED UP HORNET'S NEST OF OPPOSITION BY GOVT AND BUSINESS, BUT CHARGES BUSINESS IS ATTACKING HIM WITHOUT LISTENING TO EXPLANATION. HE INSISTS "OVERALL REVISION" OF ANTI-MONOPOLY LAW IS NEEDED TO COMBAT LONG-TERM INFLATION, AND PROPOSES TO BREAK UP MONOPOLISTIC FIRMS, RESTRICT STOCKHOLDING BY TRADING FIRMS AND BANKS, FORCE COMPANIES TO REVEAL CALCULATIONS ON WHICH THEY BASE PRICES AND IMPOSE SURCHARGES ON PROFITS BY ILLEGAL CARTELS.

UNDER REFORM PROPOSAL, FTC WOULD BE EMPOWERED TO BREAK UP ANY COMPANY WHICH CONTROLS 50 PCT OF A MARKET, OR ANY TWO WHICH TOGETHER CONTROL 75 PCT, BUT ONLY AS LAST RESORT IF THEY REFUSED TO RESTORE FREE COMPETITION BY OTHER MEANS. JAPAN HAS NOT HAD POWER TO DO THIS SINCE END OF OCCUPATION.

FTC PROPOSALS ARE NOW UNDER STUDY BY GOJ AND LDP, BUT TAKAHASHI IS NOT SURE BILL WILL EVER BE SUBMITTED TO DIET; IF NOT, HE EXPECTS FOUR OPPOSITION PARTIES TO TAKE ACTION, IMPLYING HIS BELIEF THAT SOME MEMBERS OF LDP MIGHT CROSS PARTY-LINES TO VOTE WITH OPPOSITION FOR SUCH BILL. JAMESON NOTES THAT MITI OFFICIALS OPPOSE ANY PROPOSAL TO BREAK UP MAJOR COMPANIES, BUT SAY IN PRIVATE THAT CONTROL OF STOCKHOLDING BY TRADING FIRMS MIGHT BE ENACTED AS SEPARATE BILL.

TAKAHASHI URGES JAPANESE TAKE TO HEART FOREIGN CRITICISM OF NATION AS AN "ECONOMIC ANIMAL" NOT JUST ABROAD, BUT ALSO IN BIG BUSINESS ACTIVITY AT HOME, WHERE HE CLAIMS

ILLEGAL CARTELS SHARPEN INFLATION. SHOULD JAPAN COME UNDER SAME REGULATIONS NOW IN FORCE IN FRG -- WHERE GOVT CAN ORDER PRICE REDUCTIONS IN ANY INDUSTRY CONTROLLED BY FIVE OR FEWER FIRMS, IF ABUSE SHOWN -- HE BELIEVES ALMOST ALL COMPANIES WOULD BE SUBJECT TO ACTION. HOWEVER, HE DOUBTS JAPANESE BUSINESS WOULD PREFER FRG-TYPE REGULATION AS ALTERNATIVE TO PUBLISHING PRICE CALCULATIONS.

13. PHILIPPINES

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SUN'S MOSCOW BUREAU COMMENTS ON SOVIET EFFORT TO IMPROVE ITS STANDING IN ASIA BY OPENING DIPLOMATIC AND TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE PHILIPPINES -- STILL A PRINCIPAL US OUTPOST IN THE AREA. BUT MANILA IS ALSO BEING COURTED BY PEKING, AS THE TWO COMMUNIST RIVALS SEE PHILS PLAYING IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE FUTURE OF ASIA. MANILA HOPES TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS SIMULTANEOUSLY, BUT SUN SEES CHINA ENJOYING "PRECEDENCE" BECAUSE OF "PROXIMITY AND MAOIST ORIENTATION OF SOME ANTI-GOVT REBELS." RIVALRY LEADS PEKING AND MOSCOW TO COMPETE IN PRAISING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MARCOS, WHO UNTIL RECENTLY WAS CRITICIZED IN SOV MEDIA FOR "CORRUPTION, BACKWARDNESS, LACK OF DEMOCRACY AND DOMINATION BY US." NOTES THAT MARCOS WAS ATTACKED AS "ANOTHER AM5 ICAN-SUPPORTET DICTATOR IN ASIA" WHEN HE IMPOSED MARTIAL LAW, BUT IS NOW PRAISED FOR TAKING "NECESSARY AND FAR-SIGHTED MEASURES LEADING TO TRUE DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL PROGRESS." MOSCOW HOPED TO ESTABLISH TRADE AND DIPLOMATIC TIES SHORTLY AFTER IMELDA'S 1972 VISIT TO MOSCOW, BUT "HAS HAD TO MARK TIME" WHILE CHINA CAUGHT UP.

IN MEANTIME, SUN NOTES SOVIETS HAVE CONCENTRATED ON BUILDING TRADE TIES. HIGH LEVEL FILIPINO DELEGATION BROUGHT TO MOSCOW LAST MONTH WAS PROMISED FAVORABLE TERMS TO BUY SOVIET GOODS, AND LARGE CONTRACTS FOR FILIPINO EXPORTS. MOSCOW NOW BUYS ABOUT 20 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF COPRA PER YEAR, THROUGH SINGAPORE, BUT SOV TRADE OFFICIALS TOLD FILIPINOS THEY FORESEE TOTAL TRADE OF 250 MILLION DOLLARS IN THREE YEARS.

SUN SEES PRIMARY SOVIET INTEREST IN PHILIPPINES AS POLITICAL, RATHER THAN ECONOMIC. MOSCOW WANTS TO BE ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH PEKING IN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT REGION, AND WISHES TO SEE FURTHER REDUCTION OF AMERICAN INFLUENCE. RADIO MOSCOW RECENTLY PRAISED MANILA'S EFFORTS TO CURTAIL AMERICAN INFLUENCE IN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BY TOUGHER STAND IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW TRADE AGREEMENT

WITH US, SAYING "THE PHILIPPINES MUST SECURE THE
RECOGNITION OF ASIAN COUNTRIES AS A GENUINELY
INDEPENDENT COUNTRY..."
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EXCEPT FOR GVN, THE PHILIPPINES IS THE ONLY COUNTRY
IN THE REGION WITH WHICH MOSCOW DOES NOT HAVE
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS; BUT SUN NOTES CULTURAL,
EDUCATIONAL AND SPORTS EXCHANGES UNDER WAY, SOVIET
PARTICIPATION IN OFFSHORE OIL EXPLORATION AND GREATER
SHARE OF FILIPINO EXPORT CARGOES FOR SOVIET SHIPS.
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